

The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Tuesday, January 7, 1729.

From the Evening Post, Dec. 31.

Rome, Decem. 4.

THE Pope has commanded Prayers which are to last for 3 Days successively, on account of the Joy the Church is in, to hear that the Cardinal Noailles, Archbishop of Paris, had at length accepted of the Bull *Unigenitus*, purely and simply. And his Holiness expresses not a small Satisfaction, that a Man so eminent and remarkable for his Learning and Piety, should be brought over to the true orthodox Faith; and as an Act of great Eminence, 'tis said the Pope has ordered it to be ingross'd in Letters of Gold upon his Table, that he may always mind it.

'Tis said the Court of Portugal stands out strenuously, to have an Acknowledgment from this Court, for not promoting Mr. Bichi on Demand; and 'tis certain the Sacred College still refuses to do it.

Milan, Decem. 18. Some Advices from Florence import, that the Great Duke was fast ill; and that that Court, as well as that of Parma, have resolved to oppose the Measures taken in favours of the Infant Don Carlos; and that for that End, they have sent strenuous Representations to divers Courts of Europe.

London, Decem. 31. On Saturday Night his R. Highness and the Princess Amelia were at the new Theatre in Lincoln's-Inn-Fields, to see the Comedy of the Merry Wives of Windsor, and the Entertainment of Apollo and Daphne, wherewith they seem'd well pleased; and the House was exceeding full, and never before.

From the St. James Evening-Post, Decem. 31.

Amsterdam, Jan. 7. The Number of Persons who have died in this City, which in 1727 amounted to 13675, amounted last Year only to about 11194.

London, Decem. 31. We hear that an Order is to be shortly given, for the apprehending of all

such Foreigners as do go about the Streets with Rate-shews.

S. S. Stock, 96, 5 8ths. Annuities dicto, 100 8ths, Bank, 130, 1 half. India, 160, 1 4th. York Buildings, 14, 1 half.

From the Daily Post-Boy, Decem. 30.

Petersburg, Dec. 11. There arrived lately from Madrid, a Courier with Bills of Exchange to a considerable Value, for the Duke of Liria, Ambassador of Spain, which Bills have been paid here and the Money remitted to Moscow. A new Regulation has been published here relating to the Troops; by which, among other Things, it is ordered, that no Part of the Subsistence of private Centinels shall be stopt, but every Week receive their full Allowance of Ammunition, Bread, and their Money, the Captains being made answerable for the due Performance hereof on the Penalty of forfeiting their Commissions.

Madrid, Dec. 14. 'Tis wrote from Cadiz, that there are in that Port two Ships ready to sail for the West Indies, and that they daily expect the Galleons, 28 Men of War being put to Sea waiting to bring them safe home. Letters from Lisbon advise, That the King of Portugal has granted Cardinal Pereira Leave to go to Court; and that great Preparations are making there for the Departure of the Princess of Austria, whose Birthday was celebrated the 4th, when that Princess entered the 18th Year of her Age.

Hamburg, Dec. 28. Letters from Dresden inform us, That the King of Poland, as Elector of Saxony, has entirely renounced, in favour of the King of Prussia, his Right and Title to the Succession of Bergues and Juliers; pursuant to a Treaty which was concluded by those two Princes in August last.

From the Daily Post-Boy, Decem. 31.

Rome, Dec. 11. At the very Time when we expected an Accommodation between the Holy See and



And the Court of Portugal, we were informed that his Portuguese Majesty discovers his Discontent more than ever, having not only renewed his Orders to all such of his Subjects as are still here, to depart within the Time limited, but moreover charged them to burn what they cannot carry away with them; and tho' the Pope has threatned with Excommunication all the Religious Orders of the Portuguese Nation who have Cloisters in this City, if they comply with the Commands of their King by going from hence, fresh Orders have been sent them from Portugal to go out of the Ecclesiastical State, on pain of incurring the Displeasure of his Majesty, and forfeiting the Right of Natural Subjects.

From the Whitehall Evening Post, Dec. 31.

Hanover, Dec. 28. Thanks have been given to God in all the Churches, for the Prince's safe Arrival into England. There is a Talk of a Marriage between Count la Lippe Rutzenburg, and the Countess of Oldenburg.

Versailles, Dec. 26. On Friday last his Majesty performed the Ceremony of touching several sick; and their Majesties were present at the Midnight Mass, and other Offices of the Day in the Chapel Royal in the Castle. The News brought us by the last Express from Madrid, are very favourable, and makes mention of the favourable Dispositions of Spain for Peace. This Year could not End more happily for France; since besides this good News, the Queen has given us Marks of her being with Child, which makes us hope the next will be a Dauphine.

Amsterdam, Jan. 6. We hear that the Affair of Embden is like to be terminated amicably.

From the London Evening Post, Dec. 31.

Venice, Dec. 18. 'Tis written from Bologna of the 11th Instant, that the Sunday before the Chevalier de St. George and his Spouse went together to their Parish Church, where they received the Communion with a Devotion that much edified the whole Congregation.

Lyons, Dec. 24. The Hopes we are in of the speedy Arrival of the Galleons, and the Preparations that are making for the Lading of those that are to be sent to America, have for some Time past made the Commerce of this City revive with new

Vigour. 'Tis written from Montpelier, that the Minister who had held a Conventicle of the Reformed in the Cévennes, has been hanged there.

London, Dec. 31. His Royal Highness is to be introduced into the House of Peers, as Duke of Edinburgh, &c.

Friday last being St. John's Day, there was a great Appearance of Free Masons at Stationer's Hall; where a handsome Entertainment was provided by twelve Stewards chosen for that Purpose, after which the following Officers were chosen for the Year ensuing, viz. the Right Honourable the Lord Kingston, Grand Master, in the Room of the Right Honourable the Lord Colerain; Nathaniel Blackerby, Esq; Deputy Grand Master, in the Room of Alexander Chock Esq; and Sir James Thornhill and Martin O'Connor Grand Wardens, in the Room of the said Mr. Blackerby and Mr. Joseph Highmore.

'Tis remarkable that there was present the Master of the Lodge at Madrid in Spain, and the Wardens belonging to the Lodge at Caermarthen in South Wales.

A Commission was signed by the Grand Master, to constitute a Lodge in the East Indies. And at the same Time the Grand Master and Wardens, and most of the Gentlemen present, took Tickets to appear in White Gloves at the Theatre Royal in Drury Lane last Night, where the Play of *Henry IV. Part II.* was acted for their Entertainment, and a Prologue and Epilogue were spoken suitable to the Occasion, in Honour of the Society.

From the London Gazette, Decem. 31.

Hague, Dec. 31. The States of Holland and Westfriesland will meet on the 6th of next Month, to consider on the Proposal made them for reducing a Half per Cent. on the Interest of all their Obligations, which is believed will be approved of; and that the Amount of that Reduction, reckoned to be about 7,000,000 of Florins per annum, will be applied to the Expences and Support of the Army. General Keppel, who has been Envoy from this Republick at the Court of Berlin, from whence he desired to be recalled, arrived here last Sunday; he has made a Report of his Transactions to the States General, who have approved of his Services.

Wye's

Wye's Letter verbatim, London, Jan. 2.

No Foreign Mails this Post.

WHETHER the King of Spain's final Answer to the last Propositions of the Allies of Hanover is come, we cannot yet learn, tho' some believe it be, and report with the greatest Assurance, that a considerable Number of Men of War will be put into Readiness for sailing, on the first Orders, and with such a Commission, that the Execution of which (the last Reason of Kings) will convince the Enemies of Peace, how vain their Hopes were of rendering themselves formidable to Great Britain.

'Tis reported also, that a Draught will be made out of the 3d Regiment of Foot Guards to be sent on some Expedition. But we cannot come to any Certainty till the Meeting of the Parliament; the Time of which drawing near, the Members arrive daily in Town: And 'tis expected that there will be a very full House of Commons.

Letters from Petersburg by the Holland Mail of Tuesday last, assure that an Express was arrived there from Madrid with considerable Remittances for the Spanish Ambassador; and that Part of the heavy Cannon, cast at Olonitz, will be sent to Spain as soon as the Season permits. And those from Vienna tell us, among other Things, That the 8000 Men whom the Elector Palatine has lent the Emperor, have received Orders to hold themselves ready to march early in the Spring to the Austrian Netherlands.

The Deadness of Trade and Scarcity of Money, are the Subject of no small Complaints; and 'tis remarked, That the Goals of this Kingdom were never so filled, as at present with poor insolvent Debtors, many whereof have lately died for want of the common Necessaries of Life. And 'tis feared many others will perish in like manner, if not timely relieved.

The Bill of Mortality last Week was very high. The Burials this Week amounted to 705, which is attributed to the hard Weather, having proved fatal to the Indigent, Diseased, and old People.

We have an Account that the Divers fishing for the Spoils of the Dutch Ship cast away in the Western Seas of Scotland, had found in and about

her the dead Bodies of 240 Men, many of whose Heads and Hands were eaten off. The Bodies were brought to Land and buried.

A new set of Italian Singers are shortly expected here, for the Accommodation of the Operas. That called *The Beggars*, was acted last Night at the Theatre in Lincoln's-Inn-Fields, by Children under 10 Years of Age, most of whom performed to the Admiration of the Audience, which was very numerous, and honoured with the Presence of his Royal Highness.

The same Day there was a very numerous and splendid Appearance at Court, to complement their Majesties upon the Entrance of the new Year.

We hear the Lord Chancellor and Master of the Rolls, did not accept the Presents that were used to be made on that Day, and have largely contributed to the Relief of the poor.

His Majesty from the Paternal Care he has for his People, is very intent upon enquiring into, and examining the State of Affairs abroad; and we hear is fully determined for incorporating Gibraltar after the English Model: To which End the Merchants trading to Spain, particularly, Sir Robert Chapman, Peter Burle and Henry Nile, Esqs. are again to attend the Commissioners next Tuesday, in order to have a Copy of the Charter, and to give their Opinion thereupon, and for their further Assistance in this important Affair.

On Christmas Even the Contract for furnishing the Navy with 1000 Oxen and 1500 Hogs, was finished at the Navy Office here; and 'tis said another Contract will be very soon made for more.

The Transfer Book for 3 per Cent. for Annuities, will be opened the 15th Instant.

From the St. James's Evening-Post, Jan. 2.

London, Jan. 2. We hear that Preparations are actually beginning to be made for his Majesty's going to Hanover at the latter End of March or Beginning of April for a short Time.

In nine Weeks last past, 1000 Oxen and 1500 Hogs were killed at the Victualling Office on Towerhill, for the Use of the Navy, which was finished on Christmas Eve: 'Tis said another Contract will be made for more very soon.

This Day at Noon S. S. Stock was 98. Ditto Annuities 102. 14th. York Buildings 15.

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ADVERTISEMENT.

By the Trustees for the Creditors of Mr. John Mitchell of Aldersfoun.

That the Lands and Barony of Aldersfoun, with a convenient Mansionhouse lately repair'd, and Inclosures, lying 10 Miles West of Edinburgh; comprehending the Lands of Crofthead, Brimerflat, East-Quarel, Thorn, West-Quarel, Yellow-Strucher, Hallecleugh, West-Mains, East-Mains or Adenbrae, a Part of Westmuirhouses, East Part of Muirhouses, Nether-Aldersfoun, Yards, Parks and Mill of Aldersfoun, Dykes, a Feu, Bents a Feu, East and West Cairns, West-Coalium; and West-Caulsey-end, with the Teinds; all lying in the Parish of Mid-Calder and Shire of Edinburgh, holding Blanche of the Crown, paying to the Minister of Calder, L. 190, 06, 08 Scots, and to the Schoolmaster, L. 12, 05, 00 Scots; neat Rent, L. 1861, 08, 04 Money, 64 Bolls Meal, 12 Bolls Bear, 2 Stone of Butter, 4 Stone of Cheese, 4 Wedders, 20 Sheep's Grass, 42 Carriages, 108 Hens, 1 Stone of Lint. *Item*, The Lands of Easter Collyend, in Calder Parish; neat Rent, L. 104, 16, 08, 2 Stone of Butter, 6 Hens, and the Grazing 2 Oxen. *Item*, The Lands of Listonheels, in the Parish of Kirknewton and Shire of Edinburgh, being a Five-merk-land of old Extent, holding Feu of the Crown for Payment of Nine Merks of Feu-duty, and 50 L. Scots of Teind-duty; neat Rent, L. 660, 13, 04 Scots, 2 Stone of Cheese, 4 Wedders and 4 Hens. *Item*, The Lands of Logy, lying near the Parish-Kirk of Logy, in the Lordship of Stirling and Shire of Perth, about a Mile North of Stirling, holding Feu of the Crown for Payment of 11 L. Scots and 32 Bolls Bear Feu-duty; being all liferented by the Lady Logy; neat Rent, L. 123, 07, 00 Scots, 31 Bolls Bear and Meal, 24 Hens, 1 Stone of Butter, 2 Cows Grass, and the Sowing of a Peck of Lintseed. *Item*, Certain Tenements of Land lying in the Town of Stirling, of yearly Rent 182 L. Scots. *Item*, An Acre of Land lying hard by the Town of Stirling, in the Territory thereof; 2 Bolls 2 Firlots Malt yearly Rent. *Item*, Certain Tenements and Houses lying near the Foot of the Canongate of Edinburgh; being a Part of Laurence Ord's Land, being L. 604, 10, 00 Scots of neat Rent. *Item*, Houses in Niddery's Wynd, near the Head of it, upon the East-side, being about 132 L. yearly Rent: ARE all to be exposed to Sale, by way of publick voluntary Roup, in Whole or Parcels, at the House of William Gray Vintner in Edinburgh, upon the Thirteenth of February next, at 3 in the Afternoon. The Rental, Progress, and Articles of Roup, to be seen in the Hands of William Robertson Writer in Edinburgh, at his House in the Assembly Close. The Trustees do also by this advertise, and call a general Meeting of all the Creditors upon the 6th Day of February, at 3 a'clock after Noon, in the Laigh Coffee-

house, to concert the most expeditious and least expensive Method for Ranking themselves upon the Estate of the common Debitor. If they neglect to attend the said Meeting, they will have themselves to blame for any Delays in further Execution of this Trust.

J That the Good Ship the *James of Kirkaldy*, Burden one Hundred Tons; she sails without Ballast, and is 12 Years old, built at Sunderland: Is to be exposed (within the Coffee-house of Mr. John Salisbury in Kirkaldy) to Sale by way of publick voluntary Roup, upon the Fifteenth of February next. Inventories of the Ship, as she presently lies in the Harbour of Burntisland, with the Conditions of Sale, to be seen at the Shop of Baillie John Greenlees Merchant in Edinburgh, at the above Coffeehouse in Kirkaldy, at Baillie James Duncan's House there, at Walter Watson's in Burntisland, and at David Deuar's in Leith, any Time before the Sale.

J These are to advertise, That the Annual General Meeting of the Members of the EDINBURGH FRIENDLY INSURANCE against Losses by Fire, is to be held on Monday the 13th of January Inst. in Mary's Chapel in Niddery's Wynd, at 3 a'clock after Noon.

J The Latin School of MUSSELBURGH being now vacant by the Death of the worthy Mr. Laurence Stoddart, The Magistrates and Town Council of the said Burgh, do hereby invite all Persons, who judge themselves duly qualified for that Office, and are willing to undergo a comparative Trial before competent Judges for the same, to attend at the House of Thomas Tod Clerk of Musselburgh, on Saturday the Eighteenth of January Inst. by ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, in order to their undergoing their said Trial. The Candidates are likewise desired at any Time before, to lodge in the said Clerk's Hands proper Certificates of their past Behaviour. They may expect that Justice will be impartially done them, and the Person preferred shall meet with all due Encouragement from the Magistrates and Council.

J There is just now come home from Spain, a Parcel of good Limons and Oranges, also a Parcel of fresh Chestnuts and Walnuts, &c. As likewise from England, a Parcel of good Pippins, Golden Pippens, Kentish Pippens, Nonpareils, Peermains, and all Sorts of Baking Apples, to be sold at Archibald Sheill's Shop at the Hand and Orange, South side of the Street, a little below the Crosswell, at the following Prices, viz. Limons at 1 L. 10 sh. per Chest, or at ten pence per Dozen: Bitter and Sweet Oranges, at reasonable Rates: Chestnuts and Walnuts, at 1 L. 5 sh. per Bushel, or at 8 pence the Long hundred. Spanish Nuts at 4 d. per Pint. The same are to be had at his Warehouse in Leith, the first Loft above the Weigh-house. All Sorts of Suggars can be furnished at Mr. Shiell's Shop at reasonable Prices.

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